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Application Number	09/459,022
Filing Date	December 10, 1999
First Named Inventor	Ming Cheng
Art Unit	1638
Examiner Name	Georgia L. Helmer
Attorney Docket Number	38-21(15084)B

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

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In re application of: Cheng et al.	)
Serial No.: 09/459,022	) Group Art Unit: 1638
Filed: December 10, 1999	)
Title: An Improved Efficiency Agrobacterium-Mediated Plant Transformation Method	) Examiner: G. Helmer
	) Conf. No.: 9594
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is filed with a Request for Continued Examination and in response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2004. The amendment was previously filed, but the Examiner refused to enter the amendments on grounds that they required a new search. Thus, this paper is re-filed with the RCE in order that the amendments may be entered and considered by the Examiner. The current status of the pending claims is set forth in the following section. Remarks in response to the rejections presented in the Office Action follow the claim status.

A Notice of Appeal was previously filed on March 1, 2005. In a separate Petition for Extension of Time, Applicants have requested and paid the fee for a one-month extension of time. Thus, this response is timely filed by June 1, 2005. If the fee is missing or insufficient, or if any additional fees are required for any reason under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17, the Commissioner is hereby requested to grant any extensions of time needed and to charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 13-4125. **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** and **REMARKS** follow.